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#### EDITORIAL

#### GREEK BAPTISM.

We are loath to touch questions that are controversial in their nature but inasmuen as this is one that occupied so much of Synod's time and is of peculiar interest to many of our missionaries we feel that a frank statement may serve to clarify the thoughts of those who are confused or in doubt as to the right attitude to take on this question.

To us this is purely an academic question of interest only to those who have time for scholastic discussions, and it seems a work of supererogation to seek to ascertain the exact degree of responsibility for the sins of the Greek Orthodox Church which rests upon the Covenanter Church for failure to rebaptize converts from that

body.

The separation from the Greek Church could not be more complete if the converts were rebaptized, and their rebaptism would not give them more of the spirit of Christ. The very fact of a changed attitude towards the idolatrous practices of the Greek Church excites the wrath and opposition of the ecclesiastical authorities leading to practical excommunication. The witness against the corrupt practices of the "Orthodox" communion could not be more effective were the converts rebaptized. Besides, the only witness that has any weight or permanent value is the witness of character.

If we are going to take our stand on the logic of the situation and to reason that the recognition of one feature as correct involves the recognition of the whole as a true church of Christ would not the same line of reasoning lead us to the conclusion that we are guilty of schism in maintaining a position of separation from other evangelical bodies that we unhesitatingly recognize as true churches of Christ?

To make an issue of the form of baptism or of the legitimacy of any particular form because administered by one person rather than another seems indeed like beating the air, especially at a time when questions of vital moment are occupying the mind of men and the legitimacy of any church and the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures are being challenged on every hand. Why talk about baptism when men do not believe in God? Why fuss about the legitimacy of any form of baptism when the real question at issue is the deity of Christ? "I thank God," said Paul, "that I baptized none of you. For Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the gospel!" The missionaries then are not to be disturbed by discussions that have no practical bearing on life and service but are to preach the gospel so that helpless and hopeless men and women might be brought into touch with the power of an endless life.

#### A CHINESE CHURCH.

The decision of the China Mission to inaugurate a new order of things and place a larger share of responsibility upon the native church anticipated and is in process of putting into practical application the findings of the National Christian Council, the meetings of which were held in

Shanghai from May 2-11. Dr. Paul Hutchinson in an article in the Christian Century sets forth the salient features of that conference. The first is that Chinese leaders of ability and power have come to the fore. The second is the determination of the Chinese Christians to assert selfcontrol and to refuse subordination to foreign control as represented by mission organizations and Foreign Boards. The third is the demand for a united Chinese Church with the elimination of denominationalism.

The following sentences quoted by Dr. Hutchinson from the reports of the various commissions will serve as illustrations: "It is desirable that decisions as to appointments, number, qualifications, location and work of missionaries be made by bodies on which there are representatives of the church or which are themselves the properly constituted courts of the "We recognize fully that church.' denominationalism is based upon differences the historical significance of which, however real and vital to the missionaries from the west, are not shared by us Chinese. Therefore denominationalism instead of being a source of inspiration, has been and is a source of confusion, bewilderment and inefficiency."

An outstanding figure was that of Dr. Timothy T. Lew, who is reported to have said: "The Chinese Church shall stand for, nay, even fight for unity in diversity. She shall teach her members to agree to differ, but to resolve to love. To allow partisanship to monopolize our thinking at this hour will be an unpardonable sacri-

lege.''

This conference seems to have marked the beginning of the end of foreign control of the native church. We rejoice in these evidences of life and of growth. More and more the spirit of John the Baptist must characterize the missionary "He must increase but I must decrease."

#### NEAR EAST RELIEF.

The Annual Report is addressed "to the Congress of the United States of America." An act of incorporation was passed by Congress and approved by the President August 6, 1919. Their accounts are regularly audited by certified public accountant. total receipts and disbursements to December 31, 1921, amount to more than fifty-one million dollars, the receipts and disbusements for 1921 alone totaled more than seven and a quarter million dollars. The work done is described under five heads, viz., General Relief, Medical, Rescue, Industrial and Orphanage work. Its activities have covered a wide field. viz., Constantinople and adjaceant European territory, Thrace, Anatolia, Armenia, Cilicia, Kurdistan, Syria, Palestine, Mesopotamia, Persia and Trans-Caucasia, including Russian Armenia and Georgia. It is estimated that one million persons are now living in the regions served, who would have perished but for the relief thus furnished. It is further estimated that probably the very existence of Russian Armenia is due to the services of this organization. The Near East Relief maintains 38 hospitals and 59 clinics. Thousands of women and girls have been rescued from Moslem harems. Industrial work on a large scale is carried on wherever political conditions permit. Everything possible to encourage self-support is done, and every form of industry adapted to the local needs is developed as for example, weaving. tailoring, carpentering, shoemaking, and rug weaving. 124 orphanages are are maintained in which are sustained over 64,000 children that are wholly dependent and some 50,000 other orphans that are cared for so far as the necessities of life are concerned.

We are told that "America is a name to conjure with in the Near East because American relief workers have gone there not for what they could get but for what they could

give." Yet all this great work is at the mercy of constantly changing political conditions and of conscienceless politicians who are following anti-Christian ideals and selfish expediency in the great game of Grab. The irony of the situation is, if we are correctly informed, that the orphan boys and girls thus preserved will be permitted to remain in the orphanages in territory under Turkish control until they are twelve years of age when they will be taken out and trained as Moslems. Have these hundreds of thousands of lives been saved by Christian philanthropy only to be slaughtered in fresh shambles or to be converted into bigoted enemies of Christianity? Will political America stand aside with folded hands while the toils and sacrifices of philanthropic America are thus brought to nought? As we view the tangled political situation in the Near East, there seems to be no possible solution for the problems there save that once rejected by America, viz., a mandate for all that territory. America as we have just learned is still a name to conjure with, and with that as an asset America could render a service which would earn the undying gratitude of all the imperiled Christian minorities of that region. Is it possible that America has lost forever the vision of a great service? Can she no longer be moved by great Will she hesitate because of the cost in money and in lives? Let this government but call for volunteers and we are confident that our young manhood from all parts of the country will respond by their thousands for such a noble service to humanity, not counting their lives dear unto themselves. Is it not for this end that the Near East Relief has been permitted to keep the door wide open for America to enter in? God grant that political America may hear and heed the call.

### NEWS FROM THE FIELD

AND NOTES OF THE WORKERS

Edited by Mrs. FINDLEY M. WILSON, 2410 N. Marshall Street Philadelphia, Penna.

Miss F. Elma French, of the mission at Mersine, landed in New York July 1 and after a few days' visit with the family of Dr. Peoples in Philadelphia left for her home in Winchester, Kansas, July 5.

Rev. Alvin W. Smith arrived in New York July 28. He can be addressed at Winchester, Kansas.

Mr. Chester T. Hutcheson, of Sterling, Kansas, has accepted appointment as teacher in the American Academy, at Larnaca, Cyprus. He will likely sail for the island September 13th.

October 20 is the date set for the opening of the Girls' School at Nicosia, Cyprus. Misses Weir and Wilson, together with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Weir, will leave on September 13 to take up the work.

Mr. Ernest V. Tweed left Cyprus with Rev. Alvin W. Smith, on July 4. Mr. Tweed is touring in northern Europe while Mr. Smith came directly.

Miss Jennie M. Dean expected to leave Hong Kong about July 13.

Dr. Esmond Smith writes from Suk el Gharb, "Who is going to furnish



MR. W. WILBUR WEIR

Of Winchester, Kansas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir. Graduated from Winchester High School, 1911, and from Geneva College, 1916. Missionary teacher in the American Academy, Larnaca, Cyprus, 1917-1920. M. A., Princeton University, and two years theology in Princeton Seminary, and licensed to preach the Gospel by the Philadelphia Presbytery, June 21, 1922. He returns to Cyprus as Head Master of the Academy.



MRS. ELIZABETH EWING WEIR

Daughter of Cyrus A. and Margaret Scott Ewing, of Baden, Pa. Graduated from Beaver High School, 1913, and from Geneva College, 1917. Taught in Burgettstown, Pa., High School three years, and in the High School of Sewickley, Pa. and year Taul School of Sewickley, Pa., one year. Took six weeks in the Biblical Seminary, New York City. She accompanies her husband to Larnaca, Cyprus.

the Ford we need for the village work? I want a Ford Sedan so I can arrange a stretcher on one side and use it as an ambulance when necessary." Who IS going to furnish it?

From Suk el Gharb, June 17: "Everyone seems to be well in Latakia. Dr. and Mrs. Balph hope to come to the Lebanons for a month or six weeks. We are trying to secure a place for them here in Suk el Gharb. Miss Kennedy and Miss McElroy will probably come to the Missionary Centre for the summer quarter."

Miss Maggie B. Edgar expects to leave New York on the S. S. Canada August 9. When Miss Edgar goes she will have in her care a set of surgical instruments for use in the Latakia Hospital. They are the gift of the doctors and nurses of the Bradford Hospital, where Miss Lillian Cunningham received her training and are an expression of their good will and esteem for Miss Cunningham and of the interest in her work.

The wedding of Mr. William Wilbur Weir and Miss Elizabeth V. Ewing, out-going missionaries, took place at Beaver, Pa., August 23, 1922. After the ceremony a wedding supper was served in the Country Club of Beaver Falls. Only a few intimate friends, besides the parents of the bride, were present for the wedding ceremony. On a later train the happy couple took their departure for Kan-



MISS LOLA WEIR

Of Winchester, Kansas. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir. Graduated from Winchester High School, 1911, and from Geneva Co'lege, 1916. Taught three years in Southern Mission, Selma, Ala.; took M. A. in Chicago University, 1920-21; taught in High School, Pocatello, Idaho, 1921-22. Has accepted permanent appointment to missionary service and goes as Principal of the new Girls' School, Nicosia, Cyprus.

sas to visit the home folks and many friends of the groom at Winchester. Olive Trees unites with the entire Covenanter Church in congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Weir. May the Lord greatly bless and enrich their lives.

#### **SYRIA**

#### Levant Notes.

The hot weather and absence of Dr. Smith does not decrease the number of clinic patients for Dr. Balph, which average seventy to one hundred per day.

Our spring Communion was held the last Sabbath of May. Services were held Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Mr. McFarland held



MISS ADA M. WILSON

Of Olathe, Kansas. Daughter of the late Dr. C. M. and Anna Moore Wilson. Graduated Olathe High School, 1922, and from Geneva College, 1917. Taught two years in the High School at Turner, Kansas; three years in High School, Washington, Iowa. Eminently successful as a teacher of athletics for girls. She goes as a short-term teacher in the new Girls' School, Nicosia, Cyprus.

the Sabbath afternoon service. One hundred and twelve received tokens Saturday but about one hundred and twenty communed. Four were received into the church—two women, a son of one of our teachers in a village, and a newhew of Rev. Antonius Khouri, who has been ill in our hospital.

At the suggestion of our pastor, the congregation has been meeting in a social way once a month, in the homes of the different members. After praise and prayer are offered, games are indulged in and later some sweet is passed, without which no evening gathering in Syria is quite complete.

A few months ago, in company with our Bible women, Julia Shemas, we



MISS MAGGIE B. EDGAR

Returning to Latakia on the S. S. Canada, sailing from New York, August 10th, after a year's furlough. Miss Edgar first went to Syria in September of 1886. She now enters upon the new work of Bible Evangelist among women. Took six weeks in Biblical Seminary, New York City.



MR. CHESTER TIPPIN HUTCHESON Of Sterling, Kansas. Son of Mrs. W. M. Hutcheson, Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society. Graduated from Sterling High School, 1915, and from Cooper College, Sterling, Kansas, 1922. He goes as a short-term man to teach in the American Academy, Larnaca, Cyprus.

visited a modernly wealthy, cultered Moslem woman. During our call she offered us cigarettes, but our refusal did not prevent her from smoking the greater part of the time. Sit Julia, in a tactful way, presented to her the evils of that habit, its moral effect on her family, and the probable physical and spiritual results on her own life. She was wide-eyed with interest and quietly slipped her cigarette out of sight. This conversation, of course, led to other religious topics prompted another visitor to ask to have the Gospel read. After two months we visited in this same home again. Our eyes told us the lady had given up smoking before she discussed the subject with us. Such is the influence of the Gospel.

Miss Elizabeth McElroy writes

from Latakia, Syria, June 12, and gives an account of the work in the school at Mersine. Her letter follows:

"The past school year has been one of varied experiences. Although the work has been interrupted, shaken, and almost shattered. God has taken care of us through it all. He has not withheld the hand of His sowers. In the school the seed was sown in the morning prayers. On account of so many different languages, devotionals were conducted two days out of the week in English, one in Arabic, and two in Turkish. Miss French, who had charge of the English, never failed to present before the boys and girls, in a very forceful way the problems of life which they were facing. She also impressed upon their minds that they must be "doers of the word and not hearers only." We owe a vote of thanks to Mrs. Wilson, who taught the children singing. The little tots who were scarcely able to say a word in English, would amuse their parents at night by rehearsing their Enlish motion songs which they had learned during the day. Our last week of school was a busy one with examinations and the closing exercises. The examinations were given orally. The school program was held at night before a crowded house.

"On the following Tuesday the brethren and school children had a pleasant surprise on Miss French. After some strategy she was properly attired and was immediately ushered by a party of invaders to the church below. After a song by the school girls, she was presented with a Turkish rug as an appreciation of her faithful and untiring work among them.

"Our spring communion was one of rich blessing. It was the first one I had enjoyed since I had left the homeland. As there was no native pastor Mr. Wilson had complete charge. Only those who have been on the mission field know and realize what it means to conduct a communion service in another tongue. Mr. Wilson has been preaching an Arabic sermon every Sabbath day. At the beginning of the service he gives an outline of his sermon in English followed by the Arabic.

"At present writing the Wilsons are in Mersine, and Miss French is needed rest and I am spending a few weeks with Miss Annie Laurie Kennedy before going to the language school at Suk el Gharb for the summer. Pray that the way may be opened in Mersine for larger service in His kingdom."

The following is a report of Rev. Awad's visit to our village schools:

"On Monday of the week of May the 23d I started on horseback to visit our school. I arrived in Eldaney in the evening and because I was intending to come home on Thursday evening to get ready for my Sabbath service, I tried to do the best I could in the time I had.

"On Tuesday I started to El Harf in the mountains. This school was started this year and this was my second visit to it. I was pleased now even more than I was on my first visit. I found the teacher very faithful in his work, although he knew nothing of my coming. I was pleased, too, with the good attendance. There were twenty-nine enrolled, which was not less than at the beginning and which I had expected, because from many of the other schools, the children had been taken out to work on account of the hard times. reading of the regular school books was good and especially the book of Luke. One reason is that the parents of these children want them to learn in our schools. They had begged us to have mercy on them for two years, and give them a school as we had done to some of their neighboring villages. And they had praised and school before the defended our French Governor when he visited them, and he is a Roman Catholic.

"From there I started to another village called Dibash. The school here is new, too, and I was sorry to see the children getting less on account of the conditions. On account of the short crops last year, the people have nothing in their houses to eat or sell so part of the family must go to the field every day to gather some wheat and barley and grind it for food, and the other part, which includes the children, has to do other kinds of work, as taking care of the flocks, etc. But from what I saw from the small numbers, I can judge it is a good school. In this village there are a good many Christians who are sending their children to our school.

"The next place was El Jura, which is, too, really a new school, because the teacher there started the work alone and not under the mission, with a small number of children but the Mission took over the work in November. I felt very happy in my heart that this school was a success, more than any of us expected, because the teacher, although a son of one of our former best teachers, had never proved to be real capable until this year. The day I was there, there were thirty-eight present and seven absent. The boys read and understood very well. I found among them four boys seven years old who read in Luke and did not make a mistake and they understood well what they read when I questioned them. On that day I came back to Eldaney in the evening. Wednesday morning early I On started to another part of the mountain to a village called El Murge, where we had a school before the war. I can't say this one is as good as the others but it is good, too. From here I started to Bahamrah, where we have had a church and school for many years now. The teacher there is one of our old elder's son, who was educated as all our teachers are, in the Boys' school in Latakia. With regret I say that the school there is not growing nor improving as it ought to, because the parents take out their boys before they are advanced enough. So always when I go there I see some different faces, who are just beginners and when I ask about the older boys whom I saw before, the teacher tells me they left the school and went for work, and I am sure that makes the teacher feel in his heart that he is making no progress. I spent part of my time visiting the members of the church.

"From here I went to Killmakho, which is not far from Bahamra. In this school I found a good number of boys, with two girls; but I found something wrong here and that was that the parents tried to make the teacher advance their children before they were ready, and when I talked about that to the parents the teacher was glad to have my support and I convinced them to let the teacher do as he thought best. From there I

went to Bustan-el-Burkey, which is near to Eldaney. We have a school that is improving here. The people made the same mistake as the parents at Killmakho, but in the winter I corrected that. In the evening I went back to Eldaney, which is the central village and where we had a great school in the old times, which was destroyed by the Turkish Government and the Fellaheins. The ground that we owned there was in the hands of the Turks for more than twentyfive years but last winter we met with the people and asked them to give us back our property, which they did. Then I exchanged the old ground for a better piece which Rev. Edgar wished very much to have when we were up together last summer. On Thursday I visited our school there which had been held for many years in a common building. This is one of our best schools in every way and I have great hopes that in the future we shall have a good harvest from here.

They have given up a great part of their belief in idols and old superstitious customs and because they are continually sending their children to our school, they are learning of Christ and a better way of life. In the afternoon I did not start home until four o'clock on account of the heat, and arrived home at eight. I hope to visit them again in July or August, and hold Communion at Eldaney and Bahamrah.

"The next thing I have in mind is to go to Gendera and hold communion on some Sabbath. Because it is the nearest village to Latakia, the men come down to our service, but the women and children cannot so they have been denied the great privilege of sitting around the Lord's Table for some time.

After this, if it is God's will, I shall go to Gunamea to visit the brethren who returned there last fall after being refugees in Latakia for two years; and hold communion."

#### **CHINA**

#### Tak Hing News Items

Mr. Mitchel has been holding meetings at Ma Hui, which closed with communion on Sabbath, May 21. There were twenty-two who communed. None were baptized although one wished to be.

The meetings did not show any marked visible results. One day was spent in Koon Hui, a market north of Tak Hing, another day was spent at the village of Sha P'ong. None of the former members could be located, but four men came out who said that they had registered as inquirers and said that they still wanted to be baptized. They would like to have some one go and teach them more. The people in general seemed to be very openhearted and anxious to hear.

Several schools were visited on the trip where literature was distributed.

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Sabbath, May 28, was Communion Sabbath at Tak Hing. There were three baptisms, one man and two boys from the boys' school. One of these boys is from the self-help department of which Mr. Mitchel had charge. There were ninety-five who communed. We trust that it was a time of spiritual refreshing to all.

Although there has been some disturbance in Wuchau between the Kwong Sai and Kwong Tung soldiers and many of the people fled from that city (which is about forty-five miles up river on the border line between the two provinces) to Tak Hing and other places down the river, we are thankful to say that everything has been quiet here.

One woman in China refuses to be bound by her marriage. She prefers education to a husband and a school room to his home. Miss Rose Huston writes about her.

Mr. Sham, the old gentleman who

for many years taught Chinese in the Girls' School in Tak Hing, passed away ten days ago and is being buried today. He was a literary man of the old school, and he was honored as one of the best scholars in the district, if not the best, and also as one of very high moral character. Many prayers have been offered for the salvation of his soul, and he many times, publicly and privately, stated that he believed in Christ, but he always had some excuse for not being baptized.

Sham Hok Kei, the daughter of Mr. Sham, is very ambitious to become "as good a teacher as Wan Wai Kit," our best woman teacher, and we have no more conscientious or studious pupil than she, but on account of some peculiarities in her make-up, her goal seems very, very far off, though she has gained a great deal in self-respect and independence, which had been almost killed by ridicule.

Without her knowledge or sanction, she was engaged to be married, and not until the day came for the wedding did she realize the fact. But she refused to accept the responsibilities of family life, and returned after a time to her father's home, and has been there ever since. She became interested in study, and wanted to come to school, but was discouraged by some of her people. She finally declared she would become a vegetarian nun if they would not let her come to school, and they decided an education even at the risk of her becoming a Christian was better than that.

So she has been in school for a number of years, and is a Christian. She had some very practical testifying to do at her father's funeral in regard to worshipping.

Her refusal to live with her husband was a great grief to her father, for that was an almost unheard-of thing, and especially for it to happen in so honored a family. Finally her father proposed that they get another wife, which they did. Now that her

father is dead the rest of the family are not eager to be responsible for her support and are urging her to return. Her husband also came and requested it. The last answer that has come to our ears is that she says she wants to "finish the Heavenly Father's work" then she may think about going back.

Since she is from so good a family they may allow her her original status as first wife, but in reality she will have an exceedingly hard life of it if we can believe what the Chinese give as their opinion.

In proof that the Chinese do not forget the missionaries, their works of faith and labors of love:

I have ofttimes been reminded these few weeks of those who are gone but not forgotten.

Such questions as these are asked:

How is ————?
Where is ————?
What is ————doing?

\_\_\_\_ coming back here Is again?

Why does — not come

We knew ——

when ——— used to — when ——— were here.

The names mentioned are as follows:

Dr. Jean McBurney,

Rev. and Mrs. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. Blair,

Dr. Kate McBurney's brother,

Dr. Scott,

Miss Robison,

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Mitchel,

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Greetings from them to you.

DR. M. EDNA WALLACE.

#### THE NEW GIRLS' SCHOOL IN **CYPRUS**

August 6, 1922.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Wilson:

In response to your request for definite information for the Church regarding the Girls' School in Cyprus

I write the following: Definite arrangements have been made for the opening of the school on October 16. A suitable house with ample ground around it was leased in April, and preparations began soon after that to have everything in ship-shape. The house is not ideal, but is the best that can be found at present. It will accommodate three resident teachers and thirteen boarders. The study and class rooms will accommodate from 50 to 60 students. There is plenty of room for tennis, croquet, basketball and other games in the enclosed grounds surrounding the house. Quite a little space also is occupied with shade trees and fruit trees and flowers.

Across the road from the school is the English Club with lots of trees, and two cement tennis courts. So the outlook is not bad. The Kyrenia Mountains can be seen easily from upstairs, and they are worth seeing.

The school should be well advertised by this time, as announcement of its opening was sent out in the prospectus of the Academy in Larnaca for next year. The students going home carried this to all parts of the island. A short time later a prospectus for the girls' school was printed and sent out. It is believed that all available space will be taken.

This Mission School of the Covenanter Church will offer courses in Bible English, French, Music, Art and Domestic Science. A lady teacher from Switzerland is being secured to

have charge of the French. The plan from the start is to aim to make the school self-supporting, to relieve the Church at home from as much expense as possible in connection with it. Therefore the tuition is put at a high figure, which only the better class people can meet; no reduction in price is to be granted to students and that is being made clear to the public, so that no reduction will be requested.

The opening of such an institution has long been in demand, as many

parents have been obliged heretofore to send their daughters to schools outside the Island for their education at great expense and disadvantage; and those who could not go outside the Island had little chance for education. We are sure that the people taroughout the Church will be glad for this addition to the work in Cyprus for the training of intelligent and upright mothers of the future as well as for the training of intelligent and upright fathers of the future.

Will you not follow your representatives, Miss Lola Weir and Miss Ada Wilson, with your warm-hearted, prayerful interest in the development of this cause for Christ's sake?

The closing exercises of the Academy in Larnaca were held on Friday evening, June 23, for the graduation of eight students and for the awarding of prizes. Between that and July

2 Mr. Tweed and I had time to wind up our work in general. The route which we took coming home via Adalia, Rhodes, Smyrna, Constantinople, Liraeus, Corfu, Brindisi and Naples was not the most direct route but it was the more convenient one, was more interesting, no more expensive and consumed no more time. I was especially glad for the chance to see Smyrna and Constantinople, as this gave opportunity to understand life in the Near East more fully. According to original plans Mr. Tweed went on north from Naples to visit northern Italy, Switzerland and France before sailing from Cherbourg. At Lausanne he would visit Mr. Getzon, who was with us for two years as teacher of French. Tweed planned to reach New York about August 10. I sailed from Naples on July 16 and reached New York July 28.

ALVIN W. SMITH.

#### WOMEN'S SYNODICAL DEPARTMENT

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# Synodical Memory Verse.

For October—"Whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." —I John 3:22.

Ask—and receive. Keep commandments. Do things pleasing.

#### Important Events.

Northwood W. M. S. invited all Ohio Presbytery to meet there when the Y. P. C. U. met looking forward to organizing the Presbyterial.

Colorado Presbyterial meets in Greeley in September with the Presbytery and Deacons' Conference.

#### "Olive Trees" Prize.

Because of the intervening vacation and no OLIVE TREES in August, the time for winning the prize has been extended.

The first wide-awake society to enter the Contest is Old Bethel, which reports  $62\frac{1}{2}\%$  gain in subscriptions. Mary E. Shanks, *Chairman*.

1576 Lincoln St., Denver, Colo.

## Uniform Program for 1922-23.

The Chairman of the Uniform Program Committee reports that she has sent out over 500 programs already. Winchester, Kansas, was the first society to order 50, then Hopkinton, Iowa's order, etc. The committee had only 2000 printed this year, so "order

early if you want to get them;" price, 2 cents each. Order from Chairman. COMMITTEE:

Miss Margaret E. Atchison, 864 South Sherman street, Denver, Colo., Chairman.

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Foreign Auxiliary Members.

A letter from Mrs. Dr. McCarroll, Nicosia, Cyprus, says: "Thank you so much for inviting me among other foreign missionaries to be an associate member of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society and you may be sure you will have our hearty co-operation in your prayers. We are glad the home ladies are so loyal that they are sending two lady teachers for our Girls' School, which is to be opened this autumn, D. V. Many kind regards to the home members. Will always be happy to hear of your new achievements."

Synodical Treasurer's Announcement. Dear Readers of OLIVE TREES:

I know that you will all rejoice to know that the salaries of Miss Lola Weir and Miss Ada Wilson, our new misisonaries who are soon to go to Cyprus to begin the Girls' School, have been raised and the money is in the hands of Mr. Steele, Treasurer of the Foreign Board.

For salaries of teachers in the Girls' School in Cyprus there has been received in all \$1855.29. Pittsburgh Presbyterial sending \$1182.05 of this; also for salary of Miss Brownlee, \$800, making a total of \$2655.29, sent

to the Board.

Isn't that splendid and haven't our women responded nobly? Surely the Lord's will has been directing and may His blessing follow in this great work.

Sincerely, Mrs. W. O. Ferguson.

Greetings From Our Two Missionaries, Miss Weir and Miss Wilson.

To the Members of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society.

Greetings:

I am glad of this opportunity to greet you and rejoice in the new relation which exists between us as workers. Throughout the World War we heard two distinct calls. One was for recruits for the firing line, the other was for people at home to work, and save, and give, and pray, that the physical and spiritual needs of the "boys at the front" might be cared In our work of reclaiming the womanhood of Cyprus, Miss Wilson and I have been chosen to go to the front line to work, but our work is made possible only because the Women's Synodical has volunteered to supply all our needs. This new tie binds us closer together and will draw us still closer as the years go by.

I hope that as your representatives, Miss Wilson and I may receive many letters from you. We will keep you posted as to the progress and needs

of our school.

Since I was privileged to represent the Southern Mission at your first meeting at Belle Center, Ohio, and became a charter member of the Synodical, I feel that I know many of you personally. This will be a great help when we cross the seas.

According to the latest plans of Mr. Boggs we sail from New York on the "Berga," the 13th of September for Beirut, Syria. We will be glad to hear from any of you by that time.

Sincerely yours,

LOLA WEIR,

Winchester, Kan.

Dear Members of the Women's Synodical:

Just a few lines in recognition of our mutual interest in the Girls' School in Cyprus. You have shown yourselves truly in earnest in the responsibility you have taken upon yourselves in a financial way and we

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Number of W. M. Societies

Number of reports ......

Number of Olive Trees hope that you will remember us specially in your prayers. 832 taken ...... Societies having Mission What a privilege it is to be counted worthy to be your representatives in 54 Study ..... this Mission. While it is not without Societies using Uniform 61 sadness that we separate from family Program ..... Societies using Missionary and friends yet it is with real joy that view of the World ..... 49 we go to take up a work which we Societies using Standard of believe will mean much to the girls of Cyprus. May the Lord bless abun-Efficiency ..... 40 Societies credited over 90% 10 dantly this new undertaking. It is interesting to know that seven Yours in the hope of Service, out of our twelve Presbyteries are ADA M. WILSON. organized in W. M. S. Presbyterials. Olathe, Kan. Rev. J. M. Wylie was pastor of each of the three congregations in Colorado Presbytery when the W. M. S. Report of the Synodical Corresponding was organized and Mrs. Wylie was the first president of each. Secretary, Four of the outgoing missionaries Mrs. W. M. Hutcheson. and teachers to Cyprus are from Kansas Presbytery. There were 102 report blanks sent Following is the itemized report of When I did not know the name each Presbyterial from which to comof an officer in the society I sent the report blank to the minister in charge pare your work: Pittsburgh Presbyterial has 27 or to the correspondent given in the W. M. S. and Y. P. M. S. societies. Minutes of Synod. I certainly want to thank every society that filled out the blank and returned it to me. I Number of women over 16 768 years of age ..... Number of members of W. am hoping that I will have a report from every society for the Biennial meeting next year. There is a slight difference between these figures and 628 M. S., Y. W. and Y. P. . Number of members not 44 communicants ..... Number of honorary memthose published in the Minutes of 18 Synod because reports coming in later bers (men) ..... Thank Offering ..... \$2,508.69 have been added to these. Total contributions ...... \$6,527.62 Number report blanks sent Valuation of 20 boxes and out ...... 102 \$399.65 barrels ..... Number returned, filled ... 82 Number Olive Trees taken Number of women over 16 Societies using Mission years of age ..... 2,995 Study Book ..... 19 Number of members of W. Societies using Uniform M. S. and Y. W. M. S... 2,347 Programs ..... 20 Number of women belong-Societies using Mission-97 ing, not communicants... ary Review of the World 13 Number of honorary mem-Dr. Carithers, of the Indian Misbers (men) ..... 77 sion, and Miss Brownlee, of the Number of Juniors report-China Mission, are supported by this ed ..... Presbyterial. Total membership ...... 2,777 Total Thank Offerings.... \$4,609.29 Philadelphia Presbyterial. Total contributions .....\$14,936.41 Number of congregations...

Total valuation of 83 boxes

Number of members of		Number using Uniform	
W. M. S	181	Programs	6
Number of women over 16		Number using Mission	
years of age	313	Study Books	4
Number of women belong-		Number using Missionary	
ing, not communicants	7	Review of the World	4
Thank Offering	\$267.00	Illinois Presbyterial.	_
Total contributions	\$1,009.87	Number of congregations.	7
Number of honorary mem-	2.2	Societies sending in reports	6
bers (men) paying dues	22	Number of W. M. S	6
Valuation of 2 boxes sent	\$33.00	Number of women over 16	224
Societies using Uniform		years of age	264
Program, Mission Study		Number of members of the	105
Book and Missionary of		W. M. S	165
the World	3	Number of honorary mem-	10
New York Presbytery.		bers (men)	16
Number of congregations.	12	Number of members not	9
Number of W. M. S	8	communicants	3
Number of women over 16		Thank Offering	\$114.56
years of age	321	Total contributions	\$638.93
Number of members of W.		Valuation of 2 boxes sent	\$40.50
M. S	189	Number of OLIVE TREES	34
Number of members not		taken Mission	9.4
communicants	26	Number using Mission	3
Number of honorary mem-		Study Book Societies using Uniform	O.
bers (men)	11		6
Thank Offering	\$197.18	Program Societies using Missionary	O
Total contributions	\$1,119.39	Review of the World	5
Valuation of 12 boxes and		Number of native workers	9
barrels	\$327.25	in Mission field supported	1
Number of OLIVE TREES		Iowa Presbyterial.	1
taken	86	Number of congregations	7
Native teachers in China		Number of W. M. S. and	
supported	1	Y. W. M. S	5
Number using Mission		Number of women over 16	
Study Book	5	years of age	193
Number using Uniform		Number members of W. M.	
Program	6	S	87
Number using Missionary	_	Number of honorary mem-	
Review of the World	5	bers (men)	1
Ohio Presbytery.		Thank Offering	\$197.55
Number of congregations	10	Total contributions	\$495.26
Number of W. M. S	8	Valuation of 2 boxes sent	\$41.25
Number of women over		Number of OLIVE TREES	
16 years of age	172	taken	56
Number of members of		Societies using Mission	
W. M. S	155	Study Book	2
Thank Offering	\$99.63	Societies using Uniform	
Total contributions	\$400.60	Program	2
Value of 11 boxes and		Societies using Missionary	
barrels sent	\$337.00	Review of the World	2
Number of OLIVE TREES		Kansas Presbytery.	
taken	76	Number of congregations.	17

Number of W. M. S	14	Number of members W. M.	
Number of women over 16		S	91
years of age	656	Number of members not	
Number of members of the		communicants	10
W. M. S	429	Thank Offering	\$198.68
Number of members not		Total contributions	\$691.53
communicants	4	Valuation of box sent	\$9.00
Thank Offering	\$472.36	Number of OLIVE TREES	φο.σσ
Miss Rose Huston's salary	φ1,2.00	taken	43
(China)	\$800.00	Number of societies using	40
Total contributions		Mission Study Book	2
Valuation of 27 boxes sent	\$401.40	Societies using Uniform	4
Number of OLIVE TREES	φ401.40		2
taken	191	Program	4
Societies using Mission	191		1
	10	Review of the World	1
Study Book	10	Pacific Coast Presbyterial.	C
Number using Uniform	10	Number of Congregations.	6
Programs	10	Number of W. M. S	$\underline{6}$
Societies using Missionary	4.4	Number sending in reports	5
Review of the World		Number of women over	4.00
Societies sending in reports	15	16 years of age	109
Colorado Presbyterial.		Number of members of W.	
Number of congregations	3	M. S	98
Number of W. M. S. and		Number of honorary mem-	
Y. W. M. S	4	bers (men)	9
Number of women over 16		Thank Offering	\$95.00
years of age	101		

# JUNIOR EXCHANGE

Junior Editor, Miss Mary A. McWilliams, 5 Reed street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Synodical Superintendent, Mrs. T.C. Weir, Winchester, Kansas.

Standard of Efficiency for Jun By Mrs. Weir.	Junior Mission Study Books for 1922-23.		
1. 26 meetings held during the year	10%	By Mrs. Weir.  The following Mission Study books are recommended: "Home Missions"	
2. All children of the congregation enrolled between the ages of 5 and 13	20%	for boys and girls 9 to 12 years of age, "The Magic Box," by Anita B. Ferris. Price, 40c. For younger chil-	
3. An average attendance of two-thirds of members	10%	dren, "Negro Primary Picture Stories," by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. Price, 50c.	
4. One-fifth enrollment from outside the congregation.	20%	Order from Council of Women for Home Missions, 156 Fifth street, New York City.	
5. A course in Mission Study	10%	"Foreign Missions" for boys and	
6. All members 7 years old and over reading Bible daily	10%	girls 9 to 12 years of age; "The Wonderland of India," by Helen M. Rockey and H. B. Hunting. Price,	
7. Society memorizing 50 Bible verses each year	10%	40c. For younger children, "India Primary Picture Stories," by Ruth	
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